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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR SWISS ITALIAN TELEVISION

1. SWISS ITALIAN TELEVISION PLANS DEVOTE FOUR HOURS
TO 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF U S SPACE PROGRAM, FROM 1900-2300H
TUESDAY, OCT 4. IT HAS ALREADY MADE PLANS TO
INTERVIEW WALTER SHIRRA, WHO RECENTLY BECAME HONORARY
CITIZEN OF TICINO, THE ITALIAN-SPEAKING SWISS CANTON, AND
TO INCLUDE LIVE FOOTAGE FROM TRANSPORT MUSEUM IN LUCERN,
WHICH HAS GOOD SELECTION OF SPACE MATERIAL.

2. SWISS ITALIAN TELEVISION HAS ALSO GONE DIRECTLY TO
NASA TO REQUEST INTERVIEWS WITH PILOTS OF JULY SPACE
SHUTTLE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THEIR FLIGHT, PREFERABLY
IN THEIR OWN HOMES. (BERN SUPPORTS REQUEST).
IF INTERVIEWS HELD IN CALIFORNIA, CREW WOULD ALSO
SHOOT SPACE SHUTTLE MATERIAL AT EDWARDS AFB.

3. ADDITIONALLY, PRODUCERS HAVE REQUESTED OUR
ASSISTANCE IN FILMING FOLLOWING, BEGINNING
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LATE JUL OR EARLY AUG:
FIRST LAUNCHER USED FOR EARLIEST FLIGHTS FROM
CAPE CANAVERAL; BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH DIR,
FIRST MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS; INTERVIEW WITH JOHN
GLENN; WORK OF GODDARD SPACE CENTER, BRIEF INTERVIEW
WITH ITS DIR J R WILLIAMSON; IF HIS HEALTH
PERMITS (PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST), INTERVIEW WITH WERNER

VON BRAUN; INTERVIEW WITH NEIL ARMSTRONG AS FIRST MAN
ON MOON; WITH ALDRIN, SCHWEIKERT OR COLLINS ON POST-
STRONAUT LIFE.

4. CREW CONSISTS OF JOURNALIST/PRODUCER MARCO
BLASER (EXCELLENT ENGLISH), A CAMERAMAN, SOUNDMAN AND
ELECTRICIAN. PREPARED TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IF AGENCY/ NASA HAVE
SUGGESTIONS: LENGTH OF TRIP DEPENDS UPON AVAILABILITY
OF SUBJECTS.
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